

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (cancelled)

Claim 16 (new): An anchorage device for securing a workman, comprising:

- a member having an aperture
- a clamp slidably mounted on said member; and
- a tooth adapted for being received with the aperture.

Claim 17 (new): The device according to claim 16 wherein said tooth is capable of keeping said clamp from being moved away from a midpoint of said member.

Claim 18 (new): The device according to claim 17 wherein said tooth does not limit said clamp from being moved towards the midpoint of said member.

Claim 19 (new): The device according to claim 16 wherein said tooth has first and second surfaces, wherein said first surface is disposed further from the midpoint of said member than said second surfaces, and wherein said first surface is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said member or is angled away from the mid-point of said member.

Claim 20 (new): The device according to claim 19 wherein said second surface is angled away from the midpoint of said member.

Claim 21 (new): The device according to claim 16 wherein said member has a generally rectangular or square cross-section.

Claim 22 (new): The device according to claim 21 wherein said member is hollow.

Claim 23 (new): The device according to claim 16 wherein said clamp defines an opening through which said member is received, wherein said clamp does not rotate about the longitudinal axis of said member.

Claim 24 (new): The device according to claim 16 wherein the aperture is formed in an upper or lower surface of said member.

Claim 25 (new): An anchorage device for securing a workman, comprising:

- a member having a midpoint;

- an aperture formed within said member;

- a clamp slidably disposed on said member such that a force applied to said clamp that is directed away from the midpoint does not cause said clamp to move away from the midpoint, and wherein a force that is applied to said clamp that is directed towards the midpoint causes said clamp to move towards the midpoint.

Claim 26 (new): The device according to claim 25 wherein said clamp includes a tooth, wherein said tooth communicates with the aperture such that a force applied to said clamp that is directed away from the midpoint does not cause said tooth to disengage from the aperture, and wherein a force that is applied to said clamp that is directed towards the midpoint causes said tooth to disengage from the aperture.

Claim 27 (new) The device according to claim 26 wherein said tooth has a first surface, wherein the first surface is oriented at an angle that is at least ninety degrees to the longitudinal axis of said member.

Claim 28 (new) The device according to claim 26 wherein said tooth has a second surface, wherein the second surface is disposed closer in proximity to the midpoint than the first surface, and wherein the second surface is oriented at an angle that is less than ninety degrees to the longitudinal axis of the member.

Claim 29 (new): The device according to claim 25 wherein said clamp includes a sleeve slidably carried on said member, a housing attached to said sleeve, a ratchet pawl attached to said housing, and a jaw attached to said sleeve, and wherein said clamp cannot rotate about said member.

Claim 30 (new): The device according to claim 29 wherein said tooth is attached to said ratchet pawl, and wherein said ratchet pawl is pivotally attached to said housing.

Claim 31 (new): The device according to claim 29 wherein said ratchet pawl is adapted to slidably move in relation to said sleeve.

Claim 32 (new): The device according to claim 29 further including a lanyard attachment implement affixed at the midpoint of said member.

Claim 33 (new): The device according to claim 25 further including a second clamp, wherein said first and second clamps may have the same configuration.

Claim 34 (new) The device according to claim 26 wherein said tooth is angled.

Claim 35 (new): A method for securing an anchorage device to a beam, including the steps of:

- providing a member having a midpoint and an aperture;
- providing a clamp having a tooth, wherein the clamp is slidably disposed on the member;
- urging the tooth into the aperture;
- moving the clamp towards the midpoint by applying a force to the clamp that is directed towards the midpoint; and
- seating said tooth within the aperture by applying a force to the clamp that is directed away from the midpoint.